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**SUBMISSION OF RESPONSE TO AUGUST 21, 2006 OFFICE ACTION IN U.S.
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Sir:

This responds to the August 21, 2006 Office Action issued in the above-identified U.S. patent application, wherein Examiner Le imposed a species election requirement against claims 1-17 and 25-41.

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A reply to the election requirement is set out in the Remarks section hereof. The Remarks section also contains a petition under 37 CFR 1.136 for a two (2) months extension of the term specified for response in the August 21, 2006 Office Action. The fee for such extension of time is enclosed in the amount authorized to be charged to the credit card identified in the accompanying Credit Card Authorization Form submitted herewith.

Please amend the claims of the above-identified application as set out in **Section I (Amendment of the Claims)** beginning on page 3 hereof.

Remarks concerning the substance of the Office Action and the added claims are set forth in **Section II (Remarks)** beginning on page 12 hereof.